

**Remarks**

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1-15 are objected to.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct informalities.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,  
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